



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



### Bear River Mill Site Draft Removal Action Workplan Grass Valley, California

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 19, 2005 through September 19, 2005**

#### **WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?**

The Bear River Development Company is proposing containment of Mine Waste Rock (MWR) at the site which was left in place by mining practices in the 1800's through the early 1900's. During the site investigation, samples of MWR were collected and analyzed for metals. Arsenic was the main constituent found in the MWR; one sample taken found lead to exceed the residential threshold. Because Arsenic levels were higher than background for the area the levels were deemed to present a potential safety hazard if not properly contained.

The BRDC has proposed a cleanup plan to contain the MWR at the site. We encourage you to review the proposed cleanup plan, called a Draft Removal Action Workplan (Draft RAW). DTSC has also prepared a draft California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The Draft RAW is considered exempt from CEQA because the cleanup activity will not impact the environment. Both of these documents are available for your review at the information repositories listed below.

#### **WHY THIS NOTICE?**

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC concerning the proposed draft RAW and the NOE **by Monday, September 19, 2005.**

#### **HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the cleanup activities and NOE may be submitted in writing to Mr. Perry Myers, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826 or email: [pmyers@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:pmyers@dtsc.ca.gov). All mail must be postmarked by **5 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2005**. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 p.m. on the same date.

#### **WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

A copy of the Draft RAW (cleanup activities) and NOE are available for review in the information repositories located at the Grass Valley Public Library, 207 Mill Street, Grass Valley, California 95945 (530) 273-6829 and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, File Room by appointment only (916) 255-3758.

#### **CONTACT:**

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Perry Myers, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3708 [pmyers@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:pmyers@dtsc.ca.gov). For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Michelle Trotter, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-6441 or [mtrotter@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:mtrotter@dtsc.ca.gov). Members of the media should contact Mr. Ron Baker, DTSC Public Information Office, at (916) 324-3142 or [rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov).